



## **FAREMS FALL 2008 EMT SCHOLARSHIPS Application Guidelines**

The Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc. (FAREMS) is dedicated to supporting rural Florida EMS agencies in their efforts to improve pre-hospital emergency care in their communities. In order to improve the level of emergency medical care provided to rural Florida citizens, in October 2008, FAREMS will award EMT scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to selected persons living in Florida's 33 rural counties\*. These scholarships must be used to pay tuition and books for the candidate to attend a Florida state-approved EMT certification program.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

To be considered for this scholarship, candidates must:

1. Currently reside in one of Florida's 33 rural counties\* that is a current Agency Member of FAREMS;
2. Be recommended by an EMS director in one of Florida's rural counties\*; and
3. Complete and submit the scholarship application form and required attachments in its entirety so that it is received in the FAREMS office by **5:00 pm on September 19, 2008.**

### **Application Review Criteria**

Applications meeting the eligibility requirements as stated above will receive an objective and independent review by FAREMS Scholarship Committee members. This committee is composed of rural Florida EMS leaders, State Office of Rural Health and Bureau of EMS staff, and educators committed to supporting rural Florida EMS. No committee member will evaluate an application from the county(ies) in which he/she works or resides. A maximum of 100 points will be assigned by each committee member to each eligible application based on the following review criterion. The average of all committee member point scores will compose the final score for the application. The applications with the top scores will be chosen to receive scholarships. The review criteria are:

1. 40 points—Application demonstrates that applicant is committed to and involved in rural county of applicant's current residence. Judges will be seeking candidates they believe will remain in rural county after EMT certification.
2. 30 points—Application demonstrates that applicant has leadership capabilities. Judges will be seeking candidates they believe have the ability to progress to leadership positions within an EMS organization.
3. 20 points—Application demonstrates a need in the county for additional certified EMTs.
4. 5 points—High school transcripts and any college level transcripts demonstrate academic aptitude.
5. 5 points—Submitted application is legible and complete.

### **Terms of Scholarship Award**

Upon receipt of a FAREMS EMT Scholarship, awardees must:

1. Enroll in a Florida state-approved EMT certification program beginning no later than June 1, 2009
2. Maintain a "C" grade average or above in all coursework applied to the EMT degree
3. Submit grades or transcripts to FAREMS after each completed semester of the EMT degree
4. Sign a two-year EMT employment contract with the rural EMS agency of current residence

If an awardee fails to comply with any of the above Terms of Scholarship Award, the awardee must repay FAREMS the award amount on a prorated basis.

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\*Florida counties considered rural by Florida statute are: Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Putnam, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington.

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**Application Instructions**

1. Complete the attached application form in its entirety.
2. Attach the following to the completed application form:
  - a. Copy of transcripts from school(s) where applicant received high school diploma and completed any college level courses
  - b. Letter of recommendation from the EMS medical director in the county of applicant's residency. In lieu of a letter from the EMS medical director, two letters of recommendation--one from a local community leader and one from a healthcare worker--may be submitted.
  - c. Letter of recommendation from the EMS agency director in the county of applicant's residency, including statement describing the need for additional certified EMTs in their county
  - d. One page typed and double-spaced statement from the applicant describing applicant's commitment to and involvement in rural county where scholarship is awarded.
3. Mail or deliver completed original signed application with attachments and six (6) complete copies (no faxed applications will be accepted) so that it is received at the FAREMS office no later than **5:00 pm, September 19, 2008** to:

FAREMS  
Scholarship Applications  
PO Box 358582  
Gainesville, FL 32635-8582

***NOTE: Incomplete applications or applications not including the required number of copies will be deemed incomplete and will NOT be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.***

Please direct any questions regarding this scholarship opportunity to Tracy Burger, 352-256-5503 or [tburger@FAREMS.org](mailto:tburger@FAREMS.org).



**FAREMS  
FALL 2008 EMT SCHOLARSHIPS  
Application Form**

Please type or print all information.

**I. Applicant Information**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current certifications (CPR, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional education/awards/special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Additional Information**

Include the following with this application upon submission:

1. Copy of transcripts from school(s) where applicant received high school diploma and completed any college level courses
2. Letter of recommendation from the EMS medical director in the county of applicant's residency. In lieu of a letter from the EMS medical director, two letters of recommendation--one from a local community leader and one from a healthcare worker--may be submitted.
3. Letter of recommendation from the EMS agency director in the county of applicant's residency, including statement describing the need for additional certified EMTs in their county
4. One page typed and double-spaced statement from the applicant describing applicant's commitment to and involvement in rural county where scholarship is awarded.

**III. Signature**

I certify that the above information is correct and that I have read and understand the Terms of Scholarship Award. If any of the above information is found to be false, I understand my application will be determined invalid. I understand that if chosen to receive a scholarship, upon completion of EMT training I will be required to sign a two-year EMT employment commitment with the EMS agency in the county I currently reside.

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Applicant's Signature Date

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Completed and signed original applications and required copies should be mailed or delivered (no faxed applications will be accepted) so that it is received at the FAREMS office no later than **5:00 pm, September 19, 2008** to:

FAREMS, Scholarship Applications, PO Box 358582, Gainesville, FL 32635-8582